

Exhibit 5

Trends in Pharmacy Costs and Utilization

By Aid Category: Aged, Blind and Disabled Only

Los Angeles County Fee for Service Enrollees (excludes non-FFP aid categories)

EDS processed pharmacy claims and state drug/supply codes paid through June 30, 1999

Years shown based on date of service; excludes Medicare crossover claims

Average Monthly Eligibles			
	1997	1998	% chg
PA Aged	134,531	135,788	1%
PA Blind/Disabled	202,121	203,901	1%
MN Aged	34,595	34,843	1%
MN Blind/Disabled	17,816	16,272	-9%
TOTAL	389,062	390,804	0%

Total Expenditures (000s)			
	1997	1998	% chg
PA Aged	\$148,796	\$184,051	24%
PA Blind/Disabled	\$294,062	\$383,248	30%
MN Aged	\$31,200	\$38,490	23%
MN Blind/Disabled	\$36,682	\$46,198	26%
TOTAL	\$510,740	\$651,987	28%

Net Increase/Decrease (000s)	
	\$35,255
	\$89,187
	\$7,290
	\$9,516
	\$141,247

Total Prescriptions (000s)		
1997	1998	% chg
4,113	4,726	15%
6,856	7,839	14%
1,008	1,099	9%
582	601	3%
12,560	14,265	14%

PMPM			
	1997	1998	% chg
PA Aged	\$92.17	\$112.95	23%
PA Blind/Disabled	\$121.24	\$156.63	29%
MN Aged	\$75.16	\$92.06	22%
MN Blind/Disabled	\$171.58	\$236.59	38%
TOTAL	\$109.40	\$139.03	27%

Prescriptions per 1,000		
1997	1998	% chg
30,574	34,804	14%
33,921	38,444	13%
29,147	31,530	8%
32,675	36,950	13%
32,282	36,501	13%

Cost per Prescription		
1997	1998	% chg
\$36.18	\$38.95	8%
\$42.89	\$48.89	14%
\$30.94	\$35.04	13%
\$63.02	\$76.84	22%
\$40.66	\$45.71	12%